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KISSINGER-PEACE PRIZE
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WASHINGTON (AP)-"I'M VERY PLEASED," SAID A BEAMING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER TODAY AFTER IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN NORWAY THAT HE AND NORTH VIETNAMESE DIPLOMAT LE DUC THO HAD WON THE 1973 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO END THE VIETNAM WAR.

KISSINGER GOT THE WORD OF THE PRIZE AWARD WHILE HE WAS ATTENDING A WHITE HOUSE MEETING OF AN EMERGENCY GROUP DISCUSSING A CURRENT AREA OF CONFLICT--THE MIDDLE EASTERN WAR.

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KISSINGER SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE A FORMAL STATEMENT LATER AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT LATER CONCERNING THE AWARD.

BUT HE GAVE HIS PERSONAL REACTION AS HE STEPPED INTO HIS BLACK LIMOUSINE TO DRIVE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO HIS STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE, A DAILY COMMUTING ROUTINE THAT HE HAS BEEN FOLLOWING SINCE HE BECAME SECRETARY OF STATE.

HE WAS ALREADY RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF AND THE WHITE HOUSE.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE REACTION FROM PRESIDENT NIXON.

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IN AT BRIEFER FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT THE COMMITTEE SAID:

"THE WAR IN VIETNAM WAS THE MOST GRUESOME AND LONGEST MILITARY CONFLICT SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS BROUGHT TO AN END WITH A CEASE-FIRE. THE NORWEGIAN NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN THE PEACE PRIZE OF 1973 TO THE TWO NEGOTIATORS WHO WITH A JOINT ACHIEVEMENT BROUGHT ABOUT THE CEASE-FIRE JAN. 23 THIS YEAR, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, USA, AND LE DUC THO OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. AT THE TIME OF THE NOBEL ANNOUNCEMENT, KISSINGER WAS IN WASHINGTON AT THE WHITE HOUSE, MEETING WITH OTHER SECURITY ADVISERS, PRESUMABLY ON THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

BEFORE THE AWARD WAS ANNOUNCED, NOBEL INSTITUTE DIRECTOR AUGUST SCHOU NAMED TWO NOMINEE WHO WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED--SOVIET PHYSICIST ANDREI SAKHAROV, A LEADING RUSSIAN DISSIDENT, AND THE LATE PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE OF CHILE, OVERTHROWN RECENTLY IN A MILITARY COUP.

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